Severe Weather – Lessons Learned from 2017

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2017 Hurricanes– Personal Lines Learnings

Auto exposure may be underappreciated

- Harvey and Irma damaged about 1 million vehicles.
- Vehicles destroyed by each storm surpassed those destroyed by both Katrina and Sandy

Auto effects may linger

DANGER

 Industry may show increased loss pressure collision/comprehensive coverages as these exposures increase in the months following large cat events – additional pricing analysis may be needed

 Title washing can exacerbate this issue – laws vary widely from state to state

2017 Wildfires – Personal Lines Learnings

- California legislative reaction has yet to be fully determined, but many options have been thrown on the table:
 - Increased requirements to offer renewal policies for minimum of two years post-disaster
 - Increased minimum time limits for insured to collect full replacement cost
 - Allowing insureds to combine policy limits for primary dwelling, other structures, contents, additional living expenses after state of emergency
 - Advanced payment requirements for living expenses and contents
 - Requirement to offer minimum of 80% policy limits for contents in lieu of an itemized claim after a declared state of emergency

2017 Wildfires – Personal Lines Learnings

- California legislative proposals, continued:
 - 30-day grace period for premium payments following state of emergency
 - Further restrictions on cancellations/late fees for non-payment following state of emergency
 - Requirements for insurers to provide replacement cost estimates each year for homeowners policies
 - Requirements for insurers to provide full copy of policy, including endorsements, after covered fire loss
 - Requirements to provide full replacement cost regardless of insured's choice to rebuild in current location, rebuild in new location, or purchase new home
 - Requirements for insurers to participate in consolidated debris removal programs
 - Requirements for insurers to extend replacement cost coverage at a minimum of 50% coverage above policy limits

2017 Catastrophes – Other Takeaways

Premium payment impacts may have extended consequences

- Premium payment status is commonly used as part of discount/rating structure
- Impacts on premium trends should also be considered need to be careful not to confuse one-time effects with expected ongoing trends

Catastrophe assessments

- In the wake of these types of events, states may levy emergency assessments against insurers
- Insurers need to consider ability to pass assessments through to policyholders